## SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE (Toronto Region)

BETWEEN:

## HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

V.

## **BRUCE MCARTHUR**

## **BRIEF STATEMENT OF FACTS**

- 1. Between 2010 and 2017, Mr. Bruce McArthur killed the eight men included in the indictment before this Honourable Court. Mr. McArthur committed these eight first degree murders in the City of Toronto.
- 2. Mr. McArthur intended and caused all of their deaths. During each of these murders, one or more of the following factors were present: planning and deliberation, a murder committed in the course of sexually assaulting the victims, or a murder committed while the victims were unlawfully confined.
- 3. After he murdered the men, Mr. McArthur, in an effort to avoid detection, dismembered their bodies. He disposed of the body parts at the Toronto residential address of 53 Mallory Crescent, where Mr. McArthur worked as a gardener. He placed some body parts in planters on the property and others were buried in the ravine adjacent to the property.
- 4. Mr. McArthur kept items belonging to some of his victims.

- 5. During their search of Mr. McArthur's bedroom, police officers uncovered a duffle bag containing duct tape, a surgical glove, rope, zip ties, a black bungee cord, and syringes. These items belonged to McArthur.
- 6. Mr. McArthur killed Skandaraj Navaratnam on or about September 6, 2010.
  During the investigation, into the murders, police seized a piece of leather lacing from Mr. McArthur's van which contained Mr. Navaratnam's DNA. After killing Mr. Navaratnam, Mr. McArthur kept his bracelet. During a search of Mr. McArthur's bedroom, police found the bracelet.
- 7. Mr. McArthur killed Abdulbasir Faizi on or about December 29, 2010. Mr. Faizi's abandoned vehicle was located near a home that Mr. McArthur had access to at the time of the killing.
- 8. Mr. McArthur killed Majeed Kayhan on or about October 18, 2012. This murder was sexual in nature. Mr. McArthur staged Mr. Kayhan after he killed him.
- 9. Mr. McArthur killed Soroush Mahmudi on or about August 15, 2015. This murder was sexual in nature. Mr. McArthur staged Mr. Mahmudi after he killed him. There is evidence a ligature was used during the murder. The police located a coat in Mr. McArthur's van which contained Mr. Mahmudi's DNA. This same coat is connected to the staging of other deceased victims.
- 10. Mr. McArthur killed Kirushna Kanagaratnam on or about January 6, 2016.

  This murder was sexual in nature. There is evidence of the use of a ligature during the murder. There is evidence of staging.
- 11. Mr. McArthur killed Dean Lisowick on or about April 23, 2016. This murder was sexual in nature. There is evidence of the use of a ligature during the murder. There is evidence of staging. Mr. McArthur also kept Mr. Lisowick's jewelry. The police found this jewelry in Mr. McArthur's apartment.
- 12. Mr. McArthur killed Selim Esen on or about April 16, 2017. This murder was sexual in nature. There is evidence of the use of a ligature and of confinement

with ropes during the murder. There is evidence of staging. Police located Mr. Esen's DNA inside Mr. McArthur's van and on the murder weapon which was also inside the van. Mr. McArthur kept Mr. Esen's notebook. It was located during a search of Mr. McArthur's apartment.

13. Mr. McArthur killed Andrew Kinsman on or about June 26, 2017. This murder was sexual in nature. There is evidence of the use of a ligature and of confinement with ropes during the murder. The police located Mr. Kinsman's calendar which had an entry for "Bruce" on June 26, 2017. Video surveillance showed Mr. Kinsman getting into Mr. McArthur's van outside Mr. Kinsman's home on that day. Mr. Kinsman's DNA was located inside Mr. McArthur's van and on the murder weapon which was also inside the van.